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SUBJECT: ADVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS RE TRAVEL TO LEBANON

REF: DAMASCUS 4475

1. AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS ENDEAVORING TO OPEN MINI-SCHOOL. HEADMASTER IS SEEKING RETURN OF SOME TEACHERS. I CONSIDER THOSE WHOSE RETURN HE IS SEEKING ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND HENCE OUTSIDE OF OUR ADVICE FOR DEPENDENNS AND NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL TO LEAVE LEBANON.

2. RE QUAKER GROUP AND OTHER WHO DESIRE RETURN, ALL I CAN DO IS NOTE THAT BROUMANAA AREA HAS EXPERIENCED INSECURITY, ROADBLOCKS, KIDNAPPINGS, ETC. MY ADVICE CONTINUES TO BE THAT AMERICANS SHOULD NOT DWELL IN THOSE AREAS UNLESS THEIR PRESENCE IS ESSENTIAL.

3. DIRECT TRAVEL TO BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT INVOLVES USING ROADS ON WESTERN SLOPES LEBANON MOUNTAINS. THESE ARE STILL SUBJECT NOT ONLY TO ROADBLOCKS AND KIDNAPPINGS BUT ALSO TO OCCASIONAL GUNFIRE. (THIS MORNING, FOR EXAMPLE, I COULD NOT PROCEED TO THE OFFICE VIA THE "SAFEST"ROUTE, I.E. SOUTH OF AIRPORT, DUE TO GUNFIRE, BUT PROCEEDED VIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHIYAH, WHICH WAS QUIET AS A CURHCH.)

4. DAMASCUS-CHTAURA TRIPS NOT REPEAT NOT CURRENTLY
RECOMMENDED, DUE INSECURITY SOUTH OF ZAHLE, BUT THEY
MIGHT BE CONSIDERED ON CASE BY CASE BASIS AND UNDER
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, I.E. CONVOYS, ETC.
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